



Organic Knowledge and Innovation System (KIS) for aquaculture in Germany

Problem

The German aquaculture sector lacks access to independent, personalised advisory services to support fish farmers in the transition to organic farm management.

Solution

Improve the knowledge transfer from research institutions to practitioners (farmers, advisors etc.) and provide an information platform of actors supporting organic aquaculture development with technical support, administrative assistance, and trainings.

Benefits

This practice abstract lists current trusted providers of organic aquaculture advisory services and technical support for fish farmers in transition to organic farm management in Germany.

Applicability box

Theme

Organic aquaculture management - Standards, regulations and certification

Keywords

Organic advisory services, conversion factors, KIS, advisory service, aquaculture

Context

Germany

Practical recommendations

Fish farmers are recommended to contact the following organisations for advice. Web links are provided.

Private associations & organizations for organic farming & aquaculture

- Naturland e.V.
- Bioland e.V.
- Verband der deutschen Binnenfischerei und Aquakultur e.V. (VDBA) (Association of German Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture)
- Der Bundesverband Aquakultur e.V.
- Öko-Insitut e.V. (Institute for Applied Ecology)

Research & education organizations

- Bayerische Landesanstalt für Landwirtschaft – Institut für Fischerei (Bavarian State Research Center for Agriculture – Institute for fisheries)
- University of Veterinary Medicine Hannover
- Alfred-Wegener-Institut (AWI)
- Thünen-Institute
- Verband der Fischereiverwaltung und Fischereiwissenschaft e.V. (Association of fisheries management and fisheries science)
- IGB – Leibniz Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries
- Forschungsinstitut für biologischen Landbau FiBL

Inspection bodies for organic aquaculture

- Lacon Insitut
- Abcert
- Grünstempel – Ökoprüfstelle e.V.
- GfRS Gesellschaft für Ressourcenschutz mbH

Public authorities

- Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL)
- Federal Office for Agriculture and Food (BLE)
- Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)
- Governments/authorities in the individual federal states, especially State Agricultural Offices

Further information

Videos

- [Biofisch und ökologische Fischzucht im Kreislauf der Natur – Marc Mößmers Teichgut Haslau. \(Organic fish production in the cycle of nature \(DE\)\)](#)

Further reading

- [National strategic plan for aquaculture in Germany \(NASTAQ\)](#)
- [Regulatory requirements for organic aquaculture](#)
- [Organic Aquaculture in the EU](#)
- [Bundesanstalt für Landwirtschaft und Ernährung \(Perspectives for the German aquaculture sector in the international competition \(DE\)\) \(BLE\) 2017. Perspektiven für die deutsche Aquakultur im internationalen Wettbewerb. Abschlussbericht. Stand September 2017. Online](#)

Weblinks

- [Government funding opportunities](#)
- [List of accredited organic certification bodies in Germany](#)
- [Naturland aquaculture](#)

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